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Title: METHOD FOR INSPECTION OF CIRCUIT BOARDS AND APPARATUS  
FOR INSPECTION OF CIRCUIT BOARDS**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2003 (Paper No. 20030928) and is being filed within the shortened statutory period set for a response in the Office Action.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listings of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.